Authority of India (IWAI) to carry out the techno-economic feasibility study on the entire canal system connecting Kakinada and Madras which includes Kakinada, Eluru, Commamuru and the Buckingham Canal. The field study has already been completed and the IWAI's Consultants, RITES have since submitted the draft report.

A decision on the development of this canal system, estimated cost of the project and the financial assistance to be provided by the Govenrment, would depend on the findings of the techno-economic feasibility study.

Cost of LPG Cylinder

1695. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the procurement cost of a 14.2 KG empty LPG cylinder and its book value after one year of its purchase;

(b) whether any list indicating the number and series of the LPG cylinders procured by the oil corporations are circulated to their respective distributors/ area offices;

(c) whether the technically spurious LPG gas cylinders were accepted by the respective oil corporations in the plant from the distributor; and

(d) if so, how many such cylinders were accepted by the bottling plants during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The average procurement cost of a 14.2 kg. cylinder comes to around Rs. 900 per cylinder inclusive of cost of valve and excise duty, sales tax and freight. The cost of cylinder is zero after full capitalisation.

(b) No Sir.

(c) and (d) The empty cylinders received by the bottling plants from the distributors are subjected to close scrutiny to ascertain their genuineness. The details of the technically spurious cylinders received at bottling plants during the last three years are as under:-

1992-93 — 21720
1993-94 — 22147
1994-95 — 20653

Appointment of Translators in Central Translation Bureau

1696. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Translation Bureau has appointed 'Senior Translators' to the persons taken on deputation, if so, details thereof;

(b) whether Central Translation Bureau has terminated the services of any of the employees so far, if so, the complete details with facts thereof;

(c) whether the Department has not promoted some 'Senior Translators' inspite of the fact that they are regularised by the Department, whereas some juniors have been promoted if so, reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of representations received in all such cases and action taken by the Department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM LAL RAHI): (a) The following officials have been appointed on deputation to the post of Sr. Translator in Central Translation Bureau:—

1. Smt. Anita Pandey
2. Shri Pradeep Raj Sharma,
3. Shri Jagat Singh
4. Shri H.K.P. Lakhera
5. Shri Rajeev Kumar Bangia
6. Shri Rajesh Taneja
7. Shri K.S. Bora

(b) After 1.1.94, on the basis of decision of Hon'ble CAT, the Bureau has terminated the services of 3 ad-hoc employees.

(c) The Central Translation Bureau has not made any regular promotion from